

The Albany Crow

The newsletter of Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity

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Thinking of Going Greek?

Hello. Welcome to your second semester at SUNY Albany. So far you've been introduced to most of the activities that Albany has to offer. However, there is one activity you were not introduced to. Greek life.

As a second semester freshman you are faced with the question of whether to join a fraternity or remain an independent. And this question should not be taken lightly. It will affect you both during college and after graduation.

Fraternity life offers many advantages the average student is unaware of. Some are:

Academics- you are here to get the best education you can. Statistics prove that fraternity members consistently achieve higher academic results than non-affiliated men.



Social- The fraternity system will introduce you to hundreds of new people through parties, mixers, athletics, and Greek Week. With all these great activities you can't help but have a good time.

Philanthropy- Fraternities at Albany are in constant interaction with the campus and the community by sponsoring and participating in charitable events. In the past fraternities have worked with the Red Cross, American Heart Association, various food drives, and even local businesses.

Leadership- As a member of a fraternity you will have the opportunity to become involved in many activities. This involvement exposes each of us to leadership. We do not simply watch; we participate. Our skills are sharpened in ways you would never otherwise experience, preparing us for positions of responsibility in our respective careers...WOW!



Think Alpha Chi Rho!

Alpha Chi Rho (AXP) is a national fraternity that was founded in 1895 on the premise of non-hazing and a close-knit brotherhood. Today we hold these same ideals as true. There is no place in Alpha Chi Rho for activities which are vulgar, harmful, or degrading. Instead we offer an educational program that will teach you our history, get you associated with the operation of AXP, and help you learn the principles, traditions and ideals that bond us as Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho.

Brotherhood is very important in AXP. We do not look at ourselves as merely a bunch of "Thugs" looking for excitement. Rather, we see ourselves as a close unit of brothers, a family, that is looking for the complete college experience and close people to share it with.

Academics play a part in that experience and are of the highest importance to us. We are a diverse brotherhood and this is reflected by the varying majors of our brothers. When one brother needs help in a subject unfamiliar to him, another brother is always willing to help the night before that crucial test or paper.

However, to balance out the workload at Albany, our Brotherhood has intramural sports teams, community and campus service events, Brother-Only events, mixers with sororities, parties, formals, and many other activities that provide needed relief and a great amount of fun.

The Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho feel that the above things are crucial to the complete college experience everyone looks for when they enter a university.

In conclusion, there is only so much we can tell you about AXP in one newsletter. We invite you to come down to Fraternity Rush in the LC's starting Feb. 2. Learn more what we have to offer, meet the Brothers, and learn what college is really about!

If you have any questions or would like more information please call 459-9258.

Men Since '87

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Newsflash: Foundersday Ball on March 12, 1994.

Hello, Alumni. What you are holding in your hands is the latest newsletter and as you see, it's very different. HA, HA!

First, let me tell you about the events of the past few months. Well, the last newsletter you should have received was sent out almost 5 months ago by Larry Hummel. And although some letters were sent back for insufficient postage... some of our Alums did manage to come back for our Parents/Alumni Weekend during homecoming.

Anyway, let me get back to what's at hand here. Basically, within the now chartered Mu Chi Phi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity, we have undergone a great soul searching process. I must regretfully admit that this had to be done within our chapter in an isolationist manner, for it is only through an active undergraduate chapter that enables us to achieve most of goals. Obviously, these goals must include support to and from our alumni base. However, over this past year we were so small that it was very hard to organize more than the Parents/Alumni Weekend.

By the end of this semester, we are confident that we will be about 35 strong, and active men. Furthermore, this past semester we have created a Complete Brother Paddle Order starting from the Alpha's Of Theta Chi to the Kappa Gamma's of Alpha Chi Rho. The next time

one of you guys comes up to Albany we'd like you to check out this list and help fill in any names, if we missed any. The reason we are doing this is for two reasons: first, we don't want to lose our past, and second, we don't want to reuse any of the nicknames that were given out before. Dave the Wave was the last founder to help us with that. Now, only you guys can help because Wave is one of you guys!

Important information As you can see above, we are having our Foundersday Ball on March 12, 1994. Yes, our chartering is on the 20th of March, but we could only get the room for the 12th so we will celebrate a week early. There was an impressive showing of Alumni at our chartering. We'd like to see more of you at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road on this Day, WITH DATES! It is going to be a blast for less than \$100 per couple (includes favors)

Furthermore important information lies within the lease of our House at 712 State St. We have a decent amount of brothers living there, and our last postulant (our pledges) project was to rebuild the bar in our basement, and it looks great. We have also purchased a foosball table. If you guys think you can play, come up and try to beat Alan "Banana" Wisoky, our reigning defensemen. We have to be good at one sport... Anyway, the point is that we want the alumni to come up and visit us.

We see enough of Horshack!

Alumni Information Well, this is what's important. We need updated information from all of our ALUMS, everywhere! We would love to put everything in here and keep you up to date. Keep those letters and postcards coming in. Your input is incredibly important to us.

And now on to what we've found out...

- The Big news is that Geoff Winston has moved to Israel and is now in the Israeli army as a term of his residency. We don't have his address yet, but it's good to know that the world is a little bit safer with "Winnie" protecting us.
- Josh "The Weasel" Fields is doing promotional work for someone in the city! He is actually using his "Weasel" talents to save the company money and thus pay for his salary.

-Neal Mesnick has finished his masters and is now in Israel, finally in Medical school. We wish him luck patching up "Winnie" in all his adventures.

- Dan Natt is currently employed at a brand new Sports store on the island. He is currently planning to take over broadcasting the football games from Frank Gifford. On a lighter note, we undergrads were notified by one of our postualnts that Dan was going out with this particular postulant's sister. We wish him luck in actually becoming one of our Brother's Brother-in-law.

- Matt "Horshack" Feinstein- is now going for his masters at SUNY New Paltz. He, by far, has visited us the most out of any alumnus. Furthermore, there has been talk of him moving back up to Albany!

-Lee "PITA" Stolar lives on the island and is doing well. Over this last Christmas break myself and Jon "Waldo" Schwartz went to his house for a small Christmas party. Please control yourself. PITA is still a wise ass.

-Rob Permutt is now attending an unknown law school with an unpublicized number. He wants it to be this way so he doesn't receive any threatening phone calls.

- Josh "Clavin" Katz works in a law firm near his home. But the big news is that Clavin successfully rushed our current Pres.&V.P. Amazing, isn't it.

Well, that's all I have on you guys for now, but there will be more next issue I'm sure. Finally, this is your newsletter. What do you like? What do you hate? Send suggestions. I would like to have another issue of the newsletter by our Formal, so keep those letters or phone calls coming in. The fraternity address is still:

Box 22007
1400 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12222.

Good luck with everything!

Fraternally,
Marc "Pugsley" Wigder

Don Marco Speaks no more

As you can see by my current position of Alumni chair, Don Marco has officially stepped down as head of the Family. The new 'Don' is Eric "Booger" Bernstein. He was elected president of the chapter this past December. Our new Vice President is Joshua Landua, finance man supreme. Give this guy a penny, he'll turn it into a quarter overnight. Funny man, Noel Hirsch is now secretary. WOW! We do have a lot more to say, but we have to keep costs down. Stay Tuned for the next mailing and come to the FORMAL. Our number is (518) 462-6951. Talk to anyone. Just call or come over.

Fraternally,
AXP at Albany

P.S. WAVE got a Job and no longer owes the Fraternity any money. We hope to see him again at W.T.'s.

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Newsflash: Bill Taverner desires monthly meeting!

Hello, Alumni. What you are holding in your hands is the latest newsletter and as you see, it's very different. HA, HA!

First, let me tell you about the events of the past few months. Hopefully, a lot of you received the newsletter sent out in the beginning of February. But to those of you who did not receive it or if you know of someone not receiving the newsletter I will give the reasons why a brother would not receive a newsletter or a phone call.

TOP 10 REASONS FOR NOT RECEIVING A NEWSLETTER!

10. You moved to a place of unknown origin!
9. You moved to a place whose whereabouts are known but whose zip code is not correct!
8. You are now in an apartment different from that of our phone list!
7. Your parents don't give you your mail!
6. Your roommate doesn't give you your mail!
5. Your phone number has the Israeli area code and 27 other digits!
4. Your dues have not been paid in full before graduating college!
3. Your address is completely unknown!
2. Your phone number is completely unknown!
1. We have no money!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

TOP REASON for not getting the letter!

Well, I'm sure you know that some of the above are serious and others are not! So, because I've heard a lot of people bitch about not receiving things here is what I'll do: Everyone for whom I have an address will receive a newsletter whether they've paid all their dues or not! Hopefully, this will give them an incentive to pay or else we will have no choice but to go to Judge Wapner for a final ruling. Now, All the people that don't have an address or phone number listed with us! Well, they probably won't be reading this! What I am going to do is enclose a sheet in the back of the letter with all the names and numbers of all the alumni. If you get the newsletter and know someone who didn't ask them to either call us at (518) 462-6951 or send us back the necessary information in writing addressed to :

Marc Wigder or Alumni Chair
712 State St. Apt. 2
Albany, NY 12203

If everyone responds we should have a complete database ready for Homecoming next fall! Also, we will be occupying the house all summer and next year, too so don't stop writing because you think we're not here. Because WE'RE HERE and we are trying!

This space is useless to start a story on so
bsjjkghkjefuutgrjehggoe47868fkskjh9axp!

Newsflash Story. As per Bill Taverner's request I am putting in certain information regarding a monthly meeting Bill wants to establish between both Theta Chi and Alpha Chi Rho Alumni! I will also reprint some of what Bill wrote back to us in his extensive letter! But first, The secret Alumni information...

The First Friday of every month Bill requests that all alumni meet at Pizzeria Uno's in the South Street Seaport! Also Besides the Alumni List I will give a list of all active Brothers as of the Summer of 1994! So, Yes I actually will become an alumnus in the allotted four year period! Sorry, Wave!

Alumni information! Since the last newsletter I actually received quite a bit of info from Bill and Neal Mesnick. He came back from Israel for a couple of weeks in February and visited us! So here it goes:

- As said Neal Mesnick is going to med school in Israel! He said he like it and the girls are Hot!
- Bill Taverner is now engaged to Denise and is getting married in Oct. '95! He also has a masters in Sexuality!!!! He also has a masters in Sexuality... He also has....
- The following info comes from Bill Taverner:
- Mark Brissman is getting married.
- Jason Schwartz is a DJ for FLY 92.
- Russ Benblatt is getting married!
- Larry Cohen got his Law Degree from Hofstra!
- Joe Carragher....whereabouts unknown!
- Brian Wilensky made a great recovery from his accident!

The following information is supplied by Neal Mesnick and myself:

- Marc Brisman is married to Juliet! Alan Rafterman and Marc work for the DA in the City!
- Stu Mazlish works in Chemical Bank! He hates his boss!

- Howie Goldstein is finishing his masters at NYU. However, he was looking for a job in Albany and he has a funny answering machine!
- Howard Kashefsky is graduating from Podiatry School in 1995. He drinks with Bums and likes Biking and Bobbie!
- Larry "Thak" Solomon has his MBA from Lehigh and he still believes the best place to pick up a chick is SUE's Rendez-vous.
- Rob Permutt is now attending an unknown law school with an unpublicized number. He wants it to be this way so he doesn't receive any threatening phone calls.
- Josh "Clavin" Katz works in a law firm near his home. Yes, he does receive mail as Josh Clavin!
- Marc Nash went to Nova Law School and he graduated?
- Larry Feiler is doing something in Syracuse?
- Rich Rafterman- last seen on Fire Island?
- Joe Carragher went to Tulane Law School!
- Howie Globus- Whereabouts unknown.
- Joe Roche- works in a Tobacco office doing something he doesn't like and is making fun of it.
- Bill Bressler wrote a score to a movie. He's waiting to get paid!
- Matt Conlon goes to Widener Law School!
- Josh Fields is doing something for his Alma Mater! I think he rushes High School Seniors to come here!
- Rob Matofsky is dating Stacy Wasser and is kind of serious! He also lives on Park avenue and works for Chemical Bank!!!!

"Can you say Donation?"

Josh Brodsky now works with the National Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho as a Leadership and Education Consultant!

- Glenn Teichman works for 2 Newspapers

in Albany and cut his hair!

- Chris Sandor works as a Legislative Aid for a Senator of NYS.

Well, that's all I got now! Hope you heard some things you didn't know and I'm sorry if I couldn't get with everybody so if you have the time be like bill and write us a little letter telling us what's going on! We can then put it in the newsletter without making it up! And don't ever think we've forgotten about you! It just takes time. Some of us are busy trying to graduate!

A letter from our New President!

To Distinguished Alumni of Theta Chi and Alpha Chi Rho,

The spring semester of 1994 has been one of great progress and success. To offset the seniors graduating, we added seven postulant this semester. Each of them have proven to be very insightful and have demonstrated that they will become the leaders of AXP in the future.

Our presence on this campus is increasing daily as the special interest housing on Colonial Quad has helped publicize the name. At this point, the brothers are active in Greek week and on Tuesday the most incredible act will occur. Alpha Phi is coming to our house for a mixer. Yes, that's Alpha Phi!!! Our house at 712 State Street is constantly undergoing renovations to better serve its role as a chapter house in the true sense of the word. We will be having an Alumni Weekend on Oct. 14-16 and you're all invited to come! Hope to see you all.

Fraternally,
Eric "Booger" Bernstein
President, Mu Chi Phi chapter of
Alpha Chi Rho at Albany.

Well, that was nice wasn't it!

The last bit of information I have to give you is that all of you are invited to come up anytime you'd like! Don't be a stranger!

Also, we are actually doing OK financially. However, donations are heavily appreciated because it does cost a lot to get this Newsletter printed up on a laser printer and sent out to everyone. Remember, for the price of a cup of coffee you could help the Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho do more for you! Just like the Government, Right! The more you pay them, the more you get out of the money you pay them! Ha Ha HAaha! However, Gentleman, I really have nothing more to say except that I soon will be graduating

and going to
New York
Law School.
I soon, too,
will be an
alumnus,



and that's why I wanted to make this newsletter special. Because, soon, I will be receiving this newsletter, and I don't want to read a piece of shit! I want to read something good! So, Thanks to Bill for all his suggestions. Thanks to Neal for the Great info! Thanks to Wave for helping me out when I was President! Thanks to Bob for making me laugh. Thanks to Gibney for his guidance and thanks to all you other alumni that have ever helped this fraternity stay around so we can have something to come back to at SUNYA!

Fraternally and sincerely,
Marc "Pugsley" Wigder, Chartering
President Mu Chi Phi chapter of
Alpha Chi Rho at SUNY Albany.

PS. I'd like to thank our National Sec. Spence for helping me out of many a jam.

See ya at Pizzeria Uno's!!!!
-Pugs, AXP

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On April 19, 1995 at 9:02 A. M. in Oklahoma City, a bomb exploded. This explosion produced a killing field so destructive and so gut wrenching that it tore at our nation's very soul. Questions arose and abounded, "Why did this happen?" "Who could commit such an unspeakable sin?" Someone, with anger in their heart and death on their mind struck a fatal and cruel blow to the nation we so love and cherish. Many children and adults lost their lives that day. Those precious, precious lives were snuffed out, because of a bomb that was so powerful and so deadly. Those children's lights of innocence were stolen forever. But out of the tragedy, heroes emerged. **Real Heroes**. Ones that don't play on TV., but rather ones you can touch, feel see, and hear. Ordinary people like you and me who, because of their jobs, go out and put their lives on the line everyday to help others. Those "nameless saints" that make our world just a little bit better to live in. **Michael Hanson** is one of those people. Michael is a member of the New York City Police Department whose unit is attached to FEMA, (Federal Emergency Management Agency), USAR Team. This unit was deployed to Oklahoma City to assist in the rescue work.

I have known Michael for about 5 years now. What a beautiful spirit Michael has. He is a loving, caring, selfless person. He is person who is constantly giving to his community and his fellow man. He asks nothing in return. Asking is alien to a person of his nature. As I sat and talked with Michael recently, he had asked me if I knew of anyone who might possibly have frequent flyer mile tickets and may not be using them. I said that I didn't know of anyone and asked him why he needed the tickets. Michael had told me that his group of 56, (FEMA), and their wives were looking for a way to get back to Oklahoma City for a memorial service that is to be given at 9:02 A.M. on April 19, 1996, one year from the time of the tragedy.

Psychologists call it closure. This is what Michael and his colleagues need to do, offer their condolences, pay their respects, and thank those who assisted them while they were in Oklahoma City. While they will never forget the experiences that they encountered, these people can at least finally know some sense of peace in their lives. This is what this memorial service will do for them, grant them that peace. I have been in rescue work as a volunteer fireman for over 32 years, and I can't even begin to imagine what these people must have gone through. They knew that at some point during their mission the only thing they would be doing is recovering bodies. We all have etched in our minds the picture of the fireman cradling the little baby in his arms. Many people that I know have said that picture, "Disturbs them." Can you imagine then the images that these rescue workers must have imbedded in their minds? They not only saw it once but they have lived it many times over. Michael's group located or removed over 30% of the bodies.

As I left Michael's home, after our conversation that day, I thought to myself what a wonderful thing it would be if we help send these rescue workers

from our area to this memorial service. What a precious gift we could give! I feel that we as a community and as people should look at this as a tremendous opportunity to say, "**Thank You**," for a job well done. What a tremendous source of **PRIDE** this could be, to know that you contributed to the healing of a community, a people, and a **NATION!**

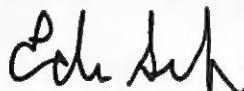
When Michael was in Oklahoma City, there was one child that helped to keep him focused on the job at hand. This child had written the rescuers a letter about how life had been taken but at the same time she had heard about the birth of a new child. She was making a comparison about how one life ends and another one begins. The cycle of life continues. Michael responded back to this child. (Both these letter are attached. *Please read them.*) It was when I read this letter I decided that I was going to be involved in helping Michael's group get back to Oklahoma City.

I now put forth the question to you, "**Does your firm have any frequent flyer tickets or money that it would be willing to donate to help send these people back to Oklahoma City for the service?**" These people deserve that much. Michael and his colleagues are not permitted in their professional capacity to ask for such a donation. Even if Michael was permitted to ask he probably wouldn't, because of his pride. As I said before he is a person who gives and gives, and asking for something for himself is not something he is accustomed to. But I can and will ask that if your firm has frequent flyer tickets or can help out with a donation so that tickets can be purchased for these people to please send it to **Caroline Morton**, who is part of the **Oklahoma City Disaster Hospitality Care Team**. Caroline is another one of those "**nameless saints**" I mentioned before. She has made it her goal to help see to it that each and every rescue worker from across the nation, who participated in the rescue effort, attends this service. She has also made it her goal, that the tickets or donations find their way to the right people. If you decide that you would like to contribute you may send the tickets or donation to either address listed on the following page. Just make sure that you note on the donation that you are giving it in lieu of **New York Task Force Team 1**. This will help ensure that Michael and his colleagues receive your gift. If you would just like to make a donation in general and not to a specific team, you can do so as well. Just send your donation to the address listed on the next page and it will be used to help someone in the country attend the service.

Please, I ask you to take a moment to read through this packet and consider helping our cause. If you don't have frequent flyer tickets any size donation would be helpful. I would also like to ask two things of you. First, if you know of someone that has the frequent flyer tickets or might possibly want to make a donation to pass this letter along, or pass it to a corporation that could help get all these people out there on Thursday, April 18, 1996. Second, I ask

that you please say a little prayer every day until April 19th at 9:02 A.M. that our efforts were successful. Thank you. **God Bless America.**

Thank You For Your Support,



Edward A. Schmidt

Please Note: If you have decided to contribute we need to know before February 29, 1996, due to travel accommodations and hotel space availability. Please make any checks payable to Disaster Hospitality Care Team.

P.S. The addresses are as follows:

Disaster Hospitality Care Team
1225 West Main Street
Suite 126
Norman, OK 73969

Disaster Hospitality Care Team
c/o Boatman's Bank
1239 West Main Street
Norman, OK 73069

If you have any further questions you can call:

Edward Schmidt: (914)- 986- 6344.

or

Caroline Morton: 1- 800 - 580 - 8747.

P. S. If just 100,00 people donated \$5.00 we would make our goal.



Dear Rescue Workers,

I would personally like to thank you for all of the work that you have done for Oklahoma. You have done a wonderful job! I have lived here all of my life, and never expected anything like this to happen here. It was a huge shock to me when I found out.

My art class and I were on a field trip at the zoo. I was drawing a tiger when a teacher came up and told my group and me to get back on the bus. We asked, "Why?" and he said that there was something about a bombing in the area. Our principal had ordered that we arrive back at school immediately. I never really knew what had happened until we got to the school. At that time, two classes gathered in the math room to watch the coverage.

I cried endlessly when I got home. It just seemed unreal! How anyone could commit such a hideous crime, I don't know? Knowing that rescue teams had already come to help made me feel much better! I was even more amazed when I learned that they had come from all over the United States.

The one thing that really made me smile was on Thursday. I saw a baby girl. The one thing very special about this baby was she was one day old. Well, that's not that big of a deal, but it meant that she was born on the day of the bombing. This baby showed me that even on the saddest days, God can and will bring hope.

Thanks again for being here when we needed you so much.
You are all incredible people, and have really made a difference in
the outcome of this tragedy!

Love,
Lori Cwayna
Lori Cwayna

The Old Days Were Different!

Why do we have to worry
every time we walk down the street?
It didn't used to be that way
the older times were neat.
But now you have no choice,
things just aren't that way.
You must look where you are walking
each and every day.
But the people can change that
we don't have to live like this.
If someone's feeling down
just give them a little kiss.
And with this thought in mind
of every girl and boy.
The world would be a better place
filled with more laughter and joy!

Lori Cwayna

June 30, 1995

Dear Lori,

I am writing you this letter after reading the letter you sent to the rescue workers who responded to the Federal Building tragedy. I was one of them.

My name is Mike Hanson and I am a New York City Police Officer. I am assigned to the Emergency Service Unit (ESU) of the N.Y.P.D. Officers in this unit, in addition to regular patrol duties, arrests, traffic tickets, etc., are responsible for rescue and tactical response (SWAT) in N.Y.C. We are also rescue specialists attached to the New York City Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force (NY-TF1) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Our team was activated to respond to OKC to help in the rescue and recovery of victims after the bombing.

Lori, as the tragedy unfolded, the rescue teams soon became the focus of the media attention associated with this tragedy. Reporters would tell of the comradery and unyielding intensity of these rescue professionals as they went about the difficult tasks assigned to them. However, I feel, as do many of my colleagues, that much of the credit for the attitudes and conditions of these rescue workers goes directly to those Oklahomans who so diligently and thoughtfully looked out for us.

Lori, through your letter and the letters sent by your classmates and friends, you helped and became part of the rescue effort. Thank-you!

I paid particular attention to your letter for several reasons. It portrayed you as a person who is capable of feeling and responding to your emotions. At first you were bewildered and asked why?, saddened when you learned how truly tragic the bombing was, and proud when you knew that Americans from all over the country came to help.

I was particularly impressed and surprised when in your last paragraph or so, you explained how you found hope when you saw that infant girl. I was inspired by your spirituality and healthy view of life. I was surprised because, I too had a very similar experience to yours.

On the Sunday morning after the bombing, I had plans to go to 9 o'clock Mass at the Myriad Center, where we were staying. Throughout our deployment, our team was assigned to work from 7PM to 7AM at the bomb site. Well, this particular night, Saturday into Sunday, had been particularly difficult and dangerous. The weather was rainy, cold, and windy and we had recovered quite a few victims. Finally, Sunday morning came and I made my way to the room where Mass was to be said by an Air Force Chaplain. As I entered the room, I was greeted by the Chaplain and then by a man I had never seen before or ever again. The man held in his arms a newborn baby boy, 7 days old. He greeted me and thanked me for coming to OKC to help. I acknowledged his gratitude and admired the baby, whereupon he said, "Would you like to hold him?"

Lori, I too received inspiration and hope, delivered through the beauty and innocence of a newborn baby. I held that little boy in my arms and felt renewed, knowing that even though times such as these hurt us so deeply and cause us to suffer so much pain, that the hope for a better world is born with each beautiful child. That hope is still alive and continuing on in children and adults like yourself who can see through the tragedy, yet, still feel its sorrow and pain. Keep focused on the fact God can and will bring hope. He will!

Lori, take credit for and be proud of your contribution to the rescue and recovery effort. You deserve it! Maintain and nurture your compassion and insight as well, for you are truly blessed. I am sure with your attitude and healthy outlook on life, you will touch many people as you travel the road of life.

Thank you for your letter. God bless you.

*P.O. Michael T. Hanson
NYPD-ESU - NYTF-1*

DISASTER HOSPITALITY CARE TEAM

1225 WEST MAIN STREET SUITE 126
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73069

JANUARY 19, 1996

Dear Sirs:

In approximately 90 days, the nation and the world will be watching while Oklahoma City and all of Oklahoma reflects on the worst act of terrorism in this nations history. As we prepare for April 19, 1996, there is a very special group of people that we must never forget or take for granted. I am speaking of the 665+ men, women, and rescue dogs that were sent to us in our time of need, literally from the four corners of the United States.

I had the privilege of helping to coordinate what later officially became the Disaster Hospitality Care Team which was formed to care for 565 of those out-of-state rescue workers housed in the Myriad Convention Center in OKC. Our team provided what I call basic human needs, such as a pillow and blanket for each cot that the workers were sleeping on in the rooms of a cold convention center. Warm clothing was provided as theirs was disposed of due to contamination. Cards and letters from school and Sunday school children were placed on their pillows for them to find as they came off a 12 hour shift on the "rubble pile". Hugs and smiles were given to keep the morale up in such a tragic time. Never in the 15 days that my team cared for these people did we ever see them give up. Many times we saw them cry as they spoke about the children, the children that they were trying to find in that monster of a mess. Some say the experience that these brave men and women encountered was second only to experiences in Vietnam.

As I traveled with another coordinator of the care team (at our own expense) last summer to visit 9 of the 11 teams that came to our assistance, one thing became very clear. These people want to return to Oklahoma on April 19, 1996, by plane, train, automobile, any way that they can. It seems to be a need more than a desire to put some closure to this event. Being that these people are civil servants, some of them volunteers and are paying for all of this on their own, I feel the need to ask for your help. I do not want any rescue worker to be excluded from this pilgrimage due to financial reasons.

You may ask why the large non-profit organizations cannot help with such a project, and why they could not provide financial help for necessities during the disaster. Without writing a book on that issue, in short, they are bound by strict charter that says they can only provide for victims and victims families. This clearly means that paid professionals do not fit into their plan.

Mayor Norick and staff are working on plans for the event of April 19, but because of the sensitivity of the situation, the families of the victims must be consulted and their wishes granted. I do know that the families have requested a private reception with the rescue workers, both local and out of state, which was something that was not possible last year. There is also a great need for the out-of-state rescue workers to be able to interact with the local rescuers who they feel are the real heroes. After all, they were "First In - Last Out."

Your city and or state sent us 63 or more of the finest individuals that you had to offer, and you should be forever proud to have these people protecting your communities. We thank you, and will feel tied to you and your people for a very long time.

I hope that we can count on your assistance in returning these people to Oklahoma in April. I am diligently working on reduced rates for airfare, hotels, and car rentals. The estimated cost for each rescue worker is \$500.00 for airfare and three nights lodging.

Your tax deductible donation can be made to the Disaster Hospitality Care Team c/o Boatman's Bank - 1239 West Main Street Norman, OK 73069. Please indicate with a cover letter if this donation is to go to a particular individual or to a specific team. If you need more information about this event, please feel free to call me at 1-800-580-8747. If you have questions about the authenticity of this team, and our plans for the reunion, you may contact First Lady Cathy Keating at the Office of the Governor (405) 521-2342. Mallory VanHorn is Mrs. Keating's assistant and can verify the support that the Governor and Mrs. Keating have given for this effort.

We look forward to hearing from you, and ask for your continued support through thoughts and prayers as we prepare for April 19, 1996, and a very painful trial in the near future. We have shown that we can come together once again in the time of need, and hope to carry that on for our future generation. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Caroline Morton

Caroline Morton
Co-Coordinator
Disaster Hospitality Care Team

Nameless Saints

A building of devastation before me stands,
Thousands of Oklahomans with helping hands,
A man behind me cries for his wife,
So much trauma and loss of life,
The children's cries send chills up my spine
As I thank the Lord for the life of mine
My heart is heavy and filled with trouble,
Rescue workers frantically dig through rubble
In the nursing profession for eleven plus years,
Never have I seen so much fear.

Nurses and Doctors from all over the state,
Shedding tears of frustration as we stand and we wait.
A courageous fireman carries a lifeless baby,
His eyes welled with tears, with thoughts that just maybe,

That this could have been his own son,
He hands the child over and then turns to run.

His mind is racing as he goes back in,
What kind of maniac could commit such a sin.

The nights are cold and oh so long,
The courageous rescuers must be strong.

Nobody alive since Wednesday night,
they dig and they dig for they will not lose sight.

Of why they are here and what they must do,
They are here for me and they are here for you.
See God has chosen these saints for this trade,

The toughest and strongest their hearts have been made.

They came and they gave all they could give.

And in our hearts forever they shall live.

To the men and women that served from the east to the west,

We want you to know we think you're the best.

An impact on our lives forever will be,
and for those sent to heaven forever will see.

By Melanie Dean, LPN
Disaster Hospitality Care Team
Oklahoma City, OK

Subj: Postulants
 Date: 10/18/99 10:38:09 AM Eastern Daylight Time
 From: cc7916@cnsvax.albany.edu
 To: axprbhq@aol.com

To whom it may concern,

My name is Chris Cotte and I am president of the mu chi phi chapter at SUNY Albany. I am writing to inform you that we have seven postulants and are in need of both pins and exoteric manuals. Also my chapter is in need of ~~bailment cards~~ as several brothers do not have brother badges. Another issue I have is in regards to the alumni newsletter which my chapter sent to you before the October 1st deadline. I was told via email that if we sent you one copy of our newsletter you would send it to all of our alumni, however as of October 16th NONE, let me repeat this, NONE of our alumni had received a copy of our newsletter. My chapter is more than willing to send out our own newsletter to our alumni at our own expense however you said that you would do this for us. I am extremely upset by that fact that I have an alumni weekend planned in the end of October and have not received a single rsvp because of the ineptitude of the national fraternity to correspond with alumni. My chapter will be attending Crow Bowl this upcoming weekend and I am looking forward to discussing these and other issues with the proper brothers. Thank you in advance for sending the postulant pins and exoteric manuals ASAP.

Fraternally in the Bond,
 Christopher Cotte
 President Mu Chi Phi

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Edition #1

9/29/99

From the desk of Christopher Cotte

President of the Mu Chi Phi Chapter:

Now that the school year is upon us the chapter is in full swing. Rush is here and the brotherhood is eagerly awaiting a new crop of postulants. The chapter has many events planned for the upcoming semester that you will here about in this inaugural issue of the Alpha Chi Reader.

I am extremely excited about the upcoming semester and I hope all of you are as well. The brotherhood is going through many changes as you read. New officers are being elected in December and the transition from old to new has begun. Committees have been formed and duties and responsibilities are being shared by all. On a sports note flag football starts very soon and Alpha Chi Rho will be contending for a top seed in this year's playoffs. Last year the team finished in 9th place, one spot away from the playoffs.

Alumni weekend will be here soon and I look forward to seeing all of you in Albany. For all of the brothers that may be reading from other chapters, contact us about road trips And your fraternal functions as well so we can show all of you how a real chapter parties.

Once again, I hope to ear from all of my brothers and wish you all good luck, financial prosperity, and good health.

In the bond,
Christopher M. Cotte
President Mu Chi Phi Chapter

Committees

As vice-president one of my jobs is to put committees in place to help the year run more smoothly. This years groups though seem to be very motivated at what they are doing.

Alumni- Heading up our alumni relations this semester is new brother Daniel Whalen. He assures us that he will ride Paul Gallo to keep the web site up to date. They have offered us, what should be a great Alumni weekend.

Fundraising- To fund all these great mixers, rush, and pay off National, Brad Londin is actively pursing ways for us to make some money. We are currently soliciting phone and Visa card applications. These have in the past brought an ample reward for our efforts.

Community Service- This is something that we have to do ever semester. Senior brother John Dievendorf promised this semester by choosing the right activities and heavy brother involvement, that this will be more fun than a burden. We are already looking at various walks for different charities and teaming up with Toys for Tots and the Big Brother program.

Special Events- Steve Meyer and Mike Weinzke are coordinating to plan what they think will be the best formal our chapter has yet held. The are also looking forward to your continued support and eagerly anticipate hearing from all our brothers.

Sincerely,
Richard Bertani
V.P. Mu Chi Phi

Chaplain's Report on Convention

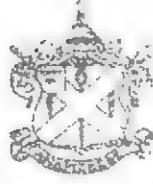
The 95th national convention of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho was held June 25th through the 27th at Stratton Mountain Resort in Vermont. With spacious green mountains as the backdrop, the days of business and bonding ensued. The delegates from the Mu Chi Phi chapter this year were President Chris Cotte, Vice President Richard Bertani, and Chaplain Michael Johnson.

As with everyone of Alpha Chi Rho's Bi-Annual conventions the positions of National's, Executive board were elected. Awards were also presented to chapter's exemplifying excellence in all aspects of Fraternity life. I'm proud to announce that Our chapter won an award for best social programming, showing strong commitment from our promising chapter. Past President Reverend Charles Brinicman addressed many important issues before the meeting of the National Council. There were three main areas of our National Fraternity that need serious attention.

Unfortunately in our day in age, the costs of insurance, especially for a National Fraternity, are not cheap. Many chapters, have fallen behind in payments because of the excessive monetary responsibility of insuring their chapter. As well as chapters not being able to pay insurance, numerous other chapters have not been paying their chapter dues to National. These two factors combined have placed our Fraternity in sever debt. Not reliving the situation, joint fundraising has also been lacks.

Despite all the negativity of the National Council meeting, all the brothers definitely had an outstanding time bonding through brotherhood. Night life in Vermont over the summer was a bit tired, but the brothers managed to have a great time together, proving that despite our Fraternities' finances our bond is as strong as ever. The face of Alpha Chi Rho is changing with the new millennium and magnificent things are expected in the future.

**Mike Johnson
Chaplain Mu Chi Phi Chapter
Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity**



Congratulations!

The Mu Chi Phi Chapter sends it's congratulations to
Alumni brotRichard Fullam, who pledged the Pi Chi Phi
Chapter at Indiana University,
Has recently become engaged.
Alpha Chi Rho wishes you a fruitful and happy marriage.



Letter from the Editor

Dear Alumnus,

My name is Daniel Whalen and I am the current editor of the Alpha Chi Reader. It has been my privilege to coordinate the pertinent information that Will keep you up to date on your chapter's activities. Although most fraternities exist to promote only their selves , we have been hard at work making our ideals heard. I have directed many potential rushes to look at our web sight. Our chapter and national web sights serve as an independent and straight forward means to exposing people who would make great brothers to our standards of behavior.

We also hosted a successful party that brought approximately 450 new faces to our door. The Hawaiian theme almost made south pacific wind out of downtown Albany's cloudy musk. Our reputation on campus is continuing to gain weight as our fledgling chapter begins to join the realm of the established chapters at SUNY Albany.

Looking forward to rush coming up the first weekend of October I am sure that we are going to impress many students. Tables, rush events, and word of mouth is going to generate "good pickin's" for the brothers to deliberate on.

You will be able to meet these new brothers in training during the last weekend of October. This coming Alumni and Homecoming weekend has been exciting to plan. We have lots of events and a break down of their cost to you.

Friday October 29th will feature a brother social at 301 Quail St. We will be holding **“Crow Olympics”** featuring....

- **Fusbol Tourney**
- **Beer pong Tourney**
- **Darts**
- **Pool**

The prize for the most accomplished Crow will be a 6 pack of any beer the winner desires at a cost of five dollars for each Alumnus this event will be the best way to kick off our weekend!

Saturday October 30th we will be bowling at Pladium Bowling Lanes located a few blocks from our house. It will start at 12pm and run till we decide we are done. This will also cost Alumni Five dollars. Later that night at 9:30pm we will be having a mixer with **Alpha Xi Delta**. The Mixer will feature a Nuts and Bolts Turbo Cup Tournament. Teams will be distinguished by those who have matching Nuts and Bolts.

Sunday October 31st The last day of Alumni weekend will be wrapped up with a brunch at Washington Tavern. Tentatively Scheduled for 11am. We will need 15 dollars from each Alumni that will be attending brunch at Washington Tavern.

We all hope you are as excited as we are about this last weekend in October. If you could RSVP Your plans and participation fee as soon as possible it would help us to make sure that every thing goes as planned.

Also if you would like to include an extra 5 dollars with your participation fee we will send you three more issues of our new and improved Alumni newsletter, the Alpha Chi Rheader. In total that is 25 dollars for the weekend and 30 if you would like to receive the Alpha Chi Rheader. If there is anything else that you would like us to include in our quarterly newsletter please send us some feed back. We are always happy to hear from our esteemed Alumnus. After all if it wasn't for you we would not have a legacy to glorify and continue.

**In word and deed,
Daniel J Whalen (KN)
Editor of the Alpha Chi Rheader**



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MEMBER AT LARGE



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EDWARD GERMAN
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CHRISTOPHER COTTE
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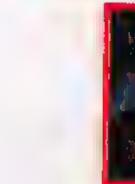
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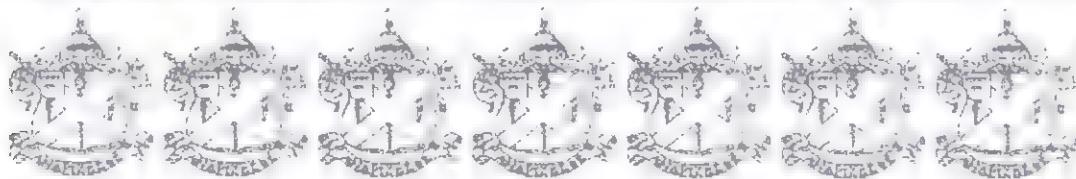


Edition #2

01/13/00

Mu Chi Phi Chapter's Y2K Executive Board

President:	John McFarland
Vice President:	Daniel J Whalen
Secretary:	Elan Zadok
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Ritual Officer:	John Dievendorf
Sergeant At Arms:	Mike Washco
Chaplain:	Steve Meyer
Postulant Educator:	Christopher Cotte



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Meet Kappa Xi

Name: Adam Marshall Damin

Home Town: Oppenheim, NY

Major/Minor: History/Political Science

Career Aspirations: Establish a Law Practice with Peter Damin

Favorite Land Mark and Why: The Third Land Mark This is because I am very close to my brother Peter and I feel the same way about all my Fraternity Brothers as well Understanding and Love is as important in a Fraternity as it is in a Family

Name: Elan Zadok

Home Town: New City, Ny

Major/Minor: Undecided

Career Aspirations: Entertainment or Communications

Favorite Land Mark and Why: Landmark 3. because no matter what goes on we are a family. and if anyone ever needs something, a brother will always be there to help

Name: Josh Casano

Home Town: Amsterdam, NY

Major/Minor: Undecided

Career Aspirations: Broadway Musical Theater

Favorite Land Mark and Why: Land Mark Three. In being a brother I have closer people that are as tight as my family and I know no matter where I go I will have support, respect, and love

Name: Jeremy Scott Tishler

Home Town: Hewlett, NY

Major/Minor: Psychology/Sociology

Career Aspirations: Child or Forensic Psychologist

Favorite Land Mark and Why: The Fourth Land Mark. I like freedom of identity and multiculturalism

Name: Curt Rober Licita

Home Town: Glenn Head, NY

Major/Minor: Business/Communications

Career Aspirations: Make lots of money

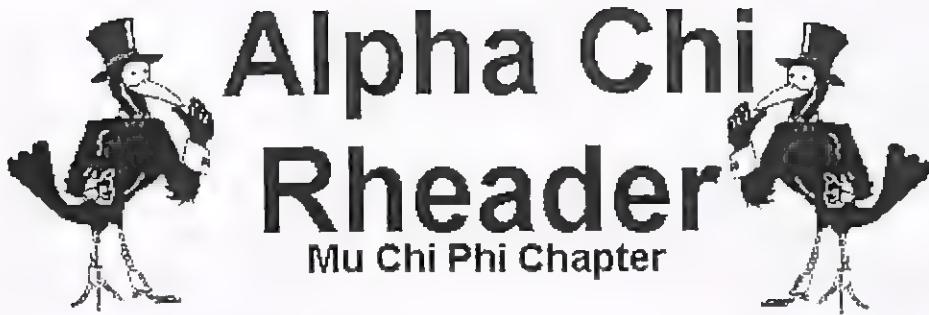
Favorite Land Mark and Why: Land Mark Three. Because that is what keeps the Fraternity going

Letter from the Editor:

Dear Alumnus,

We are starting to plan for our founder's day weekend coming up in March of 2000. Tentatively we are planning to have it on the weekend of the 24th. This year we are hoping to have our postulants cross over for founder's day weekend. This for me is extremely exciting because our P.E. this semester, Christopher Cotte, is organizing an impressive postulant program and a meaningful cross over is definitely inline for Kappa Omicron. As the Vice President of the Chapter I am asking every Alumnus to make a special effort to come to founder's day 2000 so we can all participate in this final event of postulating together and our postulants can see all the brothers of the Fraternity that they are pledging to. Christopher Cotte has also been hard at work on organizing our formal Coming up this spring. We will have details ready for you in our next edition.

A big Thank You for Theta Chi Alumnus Brian Wolensky. Brian donated 75\$ so that all our Theta Chi Alumni get our Newsletter that AXP National will not send it to. We will continue to send all of these two semester's editions of the Alpha Chi Rheader To our Theta Chi Alumni. Thanks for your support! More Mu Chi Phi in the next issue....



Edition #3

02/24/00

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However we are taking steps to reclaim the property in the short and long term. Our immediate plan of action is to again sign a lease with the landlord and have five brothers living at 301 Quail St. The landlord is agreeable to this and has stipulated that we sign a lease in April. Unfortunately our chapter is ill prepared to foot the bill of two months lease before it can be taken over by brothers in June. We are hoping that a lot of Alumni who are concerned about the house will attend our Alumni Weekend and contribute generously as well as have a good time. We will over Alumni weekend hope to raise 3,000 dollars to cover two months rent at 1,300 a month and any unforeseen Utility bills or upfront security deposits. The security deposit will be our first major deposit into our future's fund, after the tenets at 301 refund that money to our chapter. Our future's fund will be discussed later in this same article.

My conversation with Mr. Joseph D. Zumbo (our campus Lawyer) was an informative one. I presented Mr. Zumbo with our difficulty with the grouper law. He presented me with a summary of the grouper law; which reads as follows.

Section 27-160 of the Code of the City of Albany defines the term family as:

1. (a) One, two or three persons occupying a dwelling unit, or
(b) Four or more persons occupying a dwelling unit, and living together as a traditional family or the functional equivalent of a traditional family.
2. It shall be presumptive evidence that four or more unrelated persons living in a single dwelling unit do not constitute the functional equivalent of a family.

Mr. Zumbo also gave me a copy of case law that pertains directly to the grouper law. This document along with a copy of the summary is going to be posted on our web page

(<http://www.albany.edu/~axp>) for all of our concerned Alumni to view. It will be under a link that says "Legal Notes." Many of you have careers practicing law and I would hope that you would volunteer your time and advice if and when this law ever challenges us again.

Mr. Zumbo told me during the conversation that the grouper law does not violate any portion of the United States Constitution. He told me that it might in fact violate some portion of the New York State Constitution. He mentioned that there was "undeveloped case law" in New York State appellate courts. He suggested that we might try to push for a reformation of the law, or apply for a variance but that those avenues would meet with much resistance, but not as much resistance as might be found in a drawn out court room procedure in an appellate court. I concluded our conversation with a handshake and Mr. Zumbo wished us luck in our effort.

In planning for the future our chapter is going to establish a fund to purchase a chapter hall. At this time we have not approached the landlord about purchasing 301 Quail St. Though the house has a lot of rich history in our chapter, the true directive is to establish with more permanence, a home for Mu Chi Phi chapter of Alpha Chi Rho. To accomplish this end we are going to start a "Futures fund" that will allow our chapter to one day purchase a house.

We have stumbled upon and excellent fundraiser that will be mutually beneficial to an Organization called "Child Quest International" and ourselves. After some investigation we have discovered that this is a charitable organization registered with the New York State Attorney General's office. This is expected to make us an extra \$200 every month once we have established an efficient donation collection base. A portion of this will be dedicated to our "Futures fund." This fundraiser along with Alumni donations will allow us to amass the capital necessary for the purchase of a house. We will also be in close contact with our National Office to enlist their financial support in this effort at a later date.

In Word and Deed,
Daniel J Whalen
V.P. Mu Chi Phi Chapter
Editor

A letter from the Chaplain of Mu Chi Phi

In recent events the Mu Chi Phi chapter of Alpha Chi Rho has seen many difficulties. It has been brought to my attention that the Alumni of this chapter are very concerned about the overall condition of the brotherhood. To them I say- "worry not". The brotherhood has endured many hardships in past three months and survived. Recently there have been the deaths of seven family members and two close friends. Three brothers have suffered mild depressions. These examples are just the tip of quite a

Congratulations!!!

The Mu Chi Phi chapter sends its Congratulations to Alumni Brother Larry Solomons on his engagement! Alumni Brother Neil Mesnick informs me that he will be honeymooning during our Alumni weekend. If you would like to call or e-mail your own congratulations you can!

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Phone: (914)-686-2550

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Edition #4

05/19/00

Crow Tally

Coming to the end of what has decidedly been a "rough" semester for the Brothers of the Mu Chi Phi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho it seems appropriate to examine the dynamic of membership in our chapter. The following list is of the people that have helped cement the chapter here even with a lack of a central location for operations. Brothers who are transferring out this semester are in *italics*. Senior Brothers are in **bold**. Newly initiated brothers (for the fall of 99 and spring of 2000) will be underlined. Active Alumni Brothers are represented in ***bold italics***.

1. <i>Rich Bertani</i>	14. Brad Londin
2. <u>Derick Borst</u>	15. <u>Michael Masterson</u>
3. Russell Caprio	16. John McFarland
4. <u>Josh Casano</u>	17. Steve Meyer
5. <i>Christopher Cotte</i>	18. <u>Justin Orlanski</u>
6. <u>Adam Damin</u>	19. <i>Alex Orloff</i>
7. <i>John Dievendorf</i>	20. <u>Michael Rokos</u>
8. Robert Fuchs	21. <u>Jeremy Tishler</u>
9. <i>Paul Gallo</i>	22. Michael Wascho
10. <i>Michael Johnson</i>	23. Michael Wenzke
11. <u>Garry Kushnir</u>	24. Daniel Whalen
12. <u>Curt Licitra</u>	25. <i>Tim Williams</i>

As the few Alumni who came to our Alumni weekend know, the Kappa Omicron postulant class crossed over on Saturday March 25th. Many thanks to Alumni Brothers Richard Fullam and Dr. Eric Littman for staying for Crossover. Other Alumni who came to visit we all thank as well. From this pledge class hails the newest member of our E-board Derick Borst, our fall 2000 Postulant Educator. From the Kappa Xi postulant class this last fall our fall 2000 Ritual Officer Adam Damin joins our e-board as well.

As many people have graduated and Alumni Brothers begin to pursue goals that take them away from Albany the guiding force in our chapter falls to the younger brothers. It is possible that we will be subtracting as many as seven brothers from our roster. However we will be welcoming back brother Eric Schneider (Box o' Rocks) back from his medical withdrawal. Eric was diagnosed with diabetes and decided to leave for the semester and continue with his course work again this coming semester. We are all glad to hear of his recovery and his determination to complete his schooling and his contribution to our chapter.

Also we will be receiving a transfer Brother from R.P.I. Brother Benjamin Rejester (Little Bitch), whom pledged in the Fall of this year, is from Stone Arabia, NY. His presence in our chapter will be an invaluable asset. We also hope for some helpful hints from our Big Brother Chapter's neophyte.

The sum of all this is that we expect to have 20 active brothers next semester. Brothers John McFarland and Michael Washco will be the only two Seniors next year, so we will have a stable and growing brotherhood. We are expecting another excellent fall rush! Last fall we had more people interested in our chapter than ever.

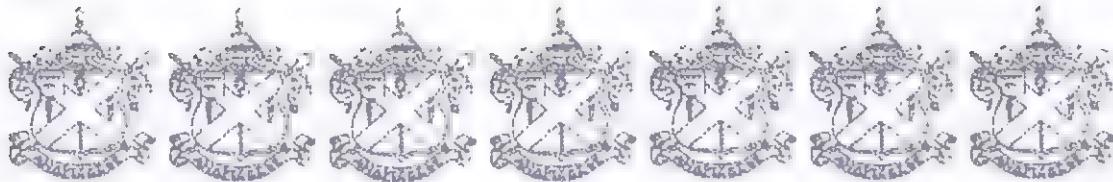


Brothers at tables with Postuants: (left to right) Tim Williams, Justin Orlansk K.O., Michael Wascho, Michael Masterson K.O., unknown, dropped, Gary Kushnir K.O.

“Postulate the true vision.
Many eyes one view.
Winging the world to freedom.”
-----Daniel J Whalen

301 Quail Street Back in Action

I am proud to announce that after much determination and many, many, setbacks the Mu Chi Phi Chapter has regained 301 Quail street as our Chapter hall. Residing in 301 Quail Street will be Brother Paul Gallo (KK), Brother Michael Washco (KM), Brother Michael Wenske (KN) and a guy named Terry. This time the arrangement is slightly different, as the landlord has asked that only four people rent at 301 Quail. Next year we are going to hopefully find four brothers to rent the upstairs again and also the basement as well. The house at 301 Quail street has undergone much aesthetic renovation. We here in Albany are very pleased to once again have brothers leasing 301 so that we may have a chapter hall again. This year, although turbulent, is a resounding testament to the stability of our chapter. We would also like to thank Alumni Brother and Chartering Member Mark Thurman for all his guidance and assistance through this tough time.



Alumni Mailing List

If you are receiving your newsletter at a location that is not your current residence please send me an updated address so that you may receive it where it is more convenient. Please send new addresses to DINGO37@HOTMAIL.COM
Thank you very much. Have a splendid summer and God Bless you all.

Brother Daniel J Whalen
V.P. Mu Chi Phi Chapter
Editor of the Alpha Chi Rheader





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Universal Studios



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The Feast of the Fraternity

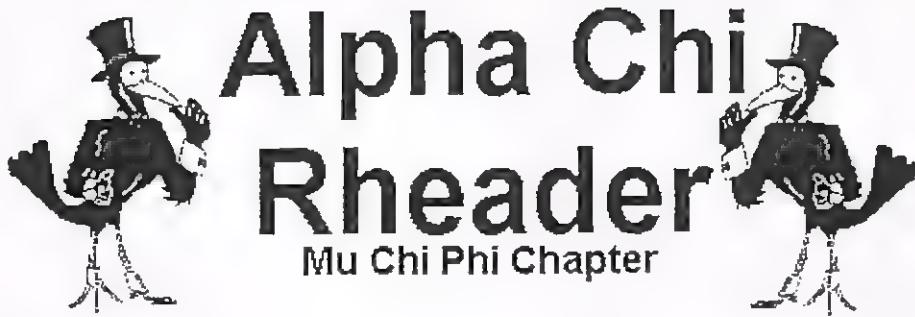
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A conversation with Joe Zumbo Concerning the Future of 301 Quail St.

As many of the Alumni know, on February fourth, Mu Chi Phi chapter no longer had any brothers leasing 301 Quail St. Though there are many reasons why we parted with our traditional chapter hall, the cut and dry facts of the matter are that the property was in violation of the grouper law in Albany and the three brothers remaining with the responsibility of the lease could no longer afford to maintain the cost of the house.

However we are taking steps to reclaim the property in the short and long term. Our immediate plan of action is to again sign a lease with the landlord and have five brothers living at 301 Quail St. The landlord is agreeable to this and has stipulated that we sign a lease in April. Unfortunately our chapter is ill prepared to foot the bill of two months lease before it can be taken over by brothers in June. We are hoping that a lot of Alumni who are concerned about the house will attend our Alumni Weekend and contribute generously as well as have a good time. We will over Alumni weekend hope to raise 3,000 dollars to cover two months rent at 1,300 a month and any unforeseen Utility bills or upfront security deposits. The security deposit will be our first major deposit into our future's fund, after the tenets at 301 refund that money to our chapter. Our future's fund will be discussed later in this same article.

My conversation with Mr. Joseph D. Zumbo (our campus Lawyer) was an informative one. I presented Mr. Zumbo with our difficulty with the grouper law. He presented me with a summary of the grouper law; which reads as follows.

Section 27-160 of the Code of the City of Albany defines the term family as:

1. (a) One, two or three persons occupying a dwelling unit, or
(b) Four or more persons occupying a dwelling unit, and living together as a traditional family or the functional equivalent of a traditional family.
2. It shall be presumptive evidence that four or more unrelated persons living in a single dwelling unit do not constitute the functional equivalent of a family.

Mr. Zumbo also gave me a copy of case law that pertains directly to the grouper law. This document along with a copy of the summary is going to be posted on our web page

(<http://www.albany.edu/~axp>) for all of our concerned Alumni to view. It will be under a link that says "Legal Notes." Many of you have careers practicing law and I would hope that you would volunteer your time and advice if and when this law ever challenges us again.

Mr. Zumbo told me during the conversation that the grouper law does not violate any portion of the United States Constitution. He told me that it might in fact violate some portion of the New York State Constitution. He mentioned that there was "undeveloped case law" in New York State appellate courts. He suggested that we might try to push for a reformation of the law, or apply for a variance but that those avenues would meet with much resistance, but not as much resistance as might be found in a drawn out court room procedure in an appellate court. I concluded our conversation with a handshake and Mr. Zumbo wished us luck in our effort.

In planning for the future our chapter is going to establish a fund to purchase a chapter hall. At this time we have not approached the landlord about purchasing 301 Quail St. Though the house has a lot of rich history in our chapter, the true directive is to establish with more permanence, a home for Mu Chi Phi chapter of Alpha Chi Rho. To accomplish this end we are going to start a "Futures fund" that will allow our chapter to one day purchase a house.

We have stumbled upon an excellent fundraiser that will be mutually beneficial to an Organization called "Child Quest International" and ourselves. After some investigation we have discovered that this is a charitable organization registered with the New York State Attorney General's office. This is expected to make us an extra \$200 every month once we have established an efficient donation collection base. A portion of this will be dedicated to our "Futures fund." This fundraiser along with Alumni donations will allow us to amass the capital necessary for the purchase of a house. We will also be in close contact with our National Office to enlist their financial support in this effort at a later date.

In Word and Deed,
Daniel J Whalen
V.P. Mu Chi Phi Chapter
Editor

A letter from the Chaplain of Mu Chi Phi

In recent events the Mu Chi Phi chapter of Alpha Chi Rho has seen many difficulties. It has been brought to my attention that the Alumni of this chapter are very concerned about the overall condition of the brotherhood. To them I say- "worry not". The brotherhood has endured many hardships in past three months and survived. Recently there have been the deaths of seven family members and two close friends. Three brothers have suffered mild depressions. These examples are just the tip of quite a

large iceberg of hardships. Through all of this, the brotherhood has remained strong. On many occasions I have gone to my brothers for help, and many times the brothers in turn came to me, as the Chaplain, and voiced their worries. We have relied on each other, we have leaned on each other, and we have utilized each other as a true family. I assure everyone out there that the brothers of Mu Chi Phi are a strong family.

Sincerely,
Steve Meyer
Chaplin

Crows Unwilling to Perch as Danes Battle Orangemen

In the first game between Albany State and the Syracuse Orangemen in 64 years The Mu Chi Phi Chapter traveled to the Carrier Dome to show our school spirit. Through a special deal with the Student Association, all Greeks were treated to dinner and a ticket as well as transport for the game on December 7th for 5 dollars.

When we arrived in Syracuse we had "all we could eat" chicken wings and pizza at the Sheraton hotel. Some of our Brotherhood left before the game to visit the Alpha Chi Rho Colony house. Since the house had belonged to a Chapter for quite a few years it was exquisite on the outside. It was very pleasing to see our Letters on the house's fine Greek arches. The Brothers there greeted us and treated us to a tour of their house and a round of billiards on their new table. We learned that the basement was going to be remodeled. Another fraternity had leased it previously and they had treated it poorly and demolished it partly. We wished them well with their refurbishment and headed to the game.

Albany State made an inspiring effort in the first half keeping within 10 points of the 9th ranked team in the country. The Albany Student Association and Albany Greeks were given general admission tickets, which put us very high and far from our team. We decided to sneak into the lower seats behind our bench and came to show our support in force. We also felt slightly snubbed when our cheerleaders were not allowed to perform because the game was televised. For the second half of the game Alpha Chi Rho Lead the cheering and support of Albany State.

One of our Brothers noticed that in some friendly antics the Orangeman mascot had stolen our mascot's bone. Participating in the demonstration, Brother Tim Williams retrieved the bone from the Orangeman and returned it to the Albany Dane. It looked like security was stirring but Tim returned to the stands in time to escape their wrath. Though we lost by forty points (46 Albany : 86 Syracuse) our school made a strong showing and a good impression on Syracuse University players, students, and faculty.

-Story By:
Brother Daniel Whalen
V.P. Mu Chi Phi Chapter

Alumni Weekend 2000!!!!

Alumni weekend this year is going to be a time a celebration. Our tentative line up is a little bit different from traditional Alumni weekends. However I am sure that you will appreciate it: for after all variety is the spice of life.

Friday March 24th:

- 5pm Reception at 734 Myrtle St.
- 6:30pm depart to Delta Phi @ RPI
- 7pm present Delta Phi with Chapter Gift
- 10pm Mixer with Sorority @ 734 Myrtle St.

Saturday March 25th

- 1pm Bowling at Pladium Lanes
- 6pm Dinner by Postulants
- 8pm Final Pledge Event
- Unrivaled Celebration

Sunday March 26th

- 11am Breakfast @ I.H.O.P.
- 1pm Football @ Dutch Quad Field

It is very important that you contact our chapter concerning your participation in this event to make sure that we can make the appropriate reservations. Considering the amount of \$3,000 necessary to procure the house for two months before June there will be no mandatory participation fee. However if you feel that you may not be ready to make a contribution to this emergency effort, your presence is still requested. This semester, as last semester at Homecoming, \$25 is enough to cover our expenses per head.

Please come and make the KO postulant cross over one for all of us to remember. Kappa Omicron is difficult to chant, so we have started to call them the "Knock Out Class." They seem to be shaping up to be. Come to Alumni weekend and decide for yourselves, for this is your legacy that we at Mu Chi Phi are charged to perpetuate.

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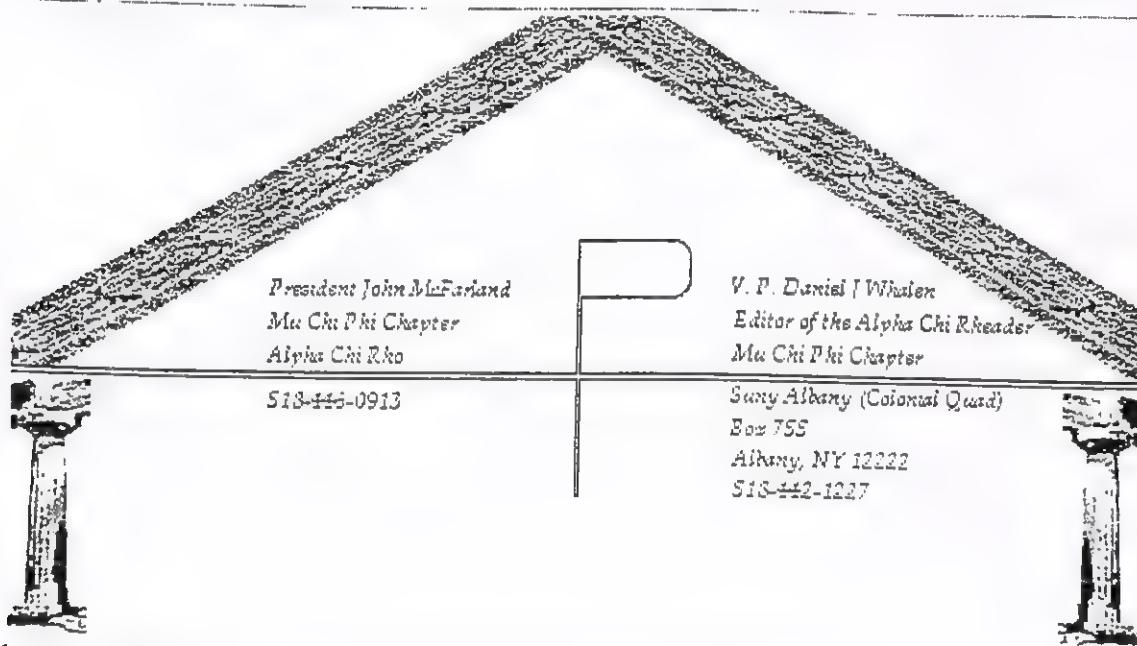
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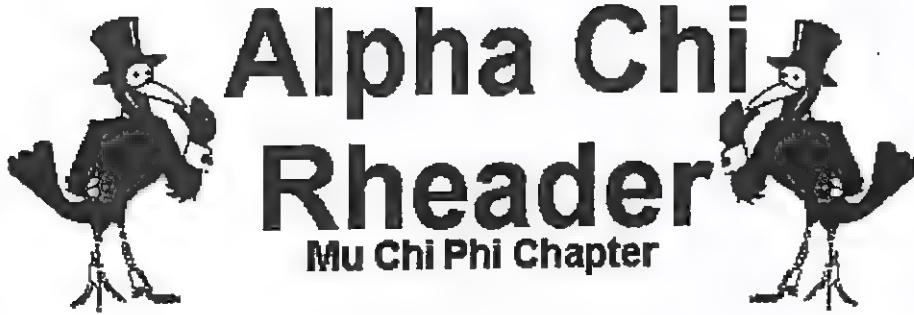
The Mu Chi Phi chapter sends its Congratulations to Alumni Brother Larry Solomons on his engagement! Alumni Brother Neil Mesnick informs me that he will be honeymooning during our Alumni weekend. If you would like to call or e-mail your own congratulations you can!

Larry Solomons (Thak) E-mail: LDSMBA@aol.com
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1. Membership from among those who are prepared to realize in word and deed the brother hood of all men.
2. The insistence on a high and clean morale standard.
3. The paramount duty of brotherly love among members.
4. Judgment not by externals, but by intrinsic worth. No one is denied membership to Alpha Chi Rho because of race, creed, or nationality.

"Be Men"



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Crow Tally

Coming to the end of what has decidedly been a "rough" semester for the Brothers of the Mu Chi Phi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho it seems appropriate to examine the dynamic of membership in our chapter. The following list is of the people that have helped cement the chapter here even with a lack of a central location for operations. Brothers who are transferring out this semester are in *italics*. Senior Brothers are in **bold**. Newly initiated brothers (for the fall of 99 and spring of 2000) will be underlined. Active Alumni Brothers are represented in ***bold italics***.

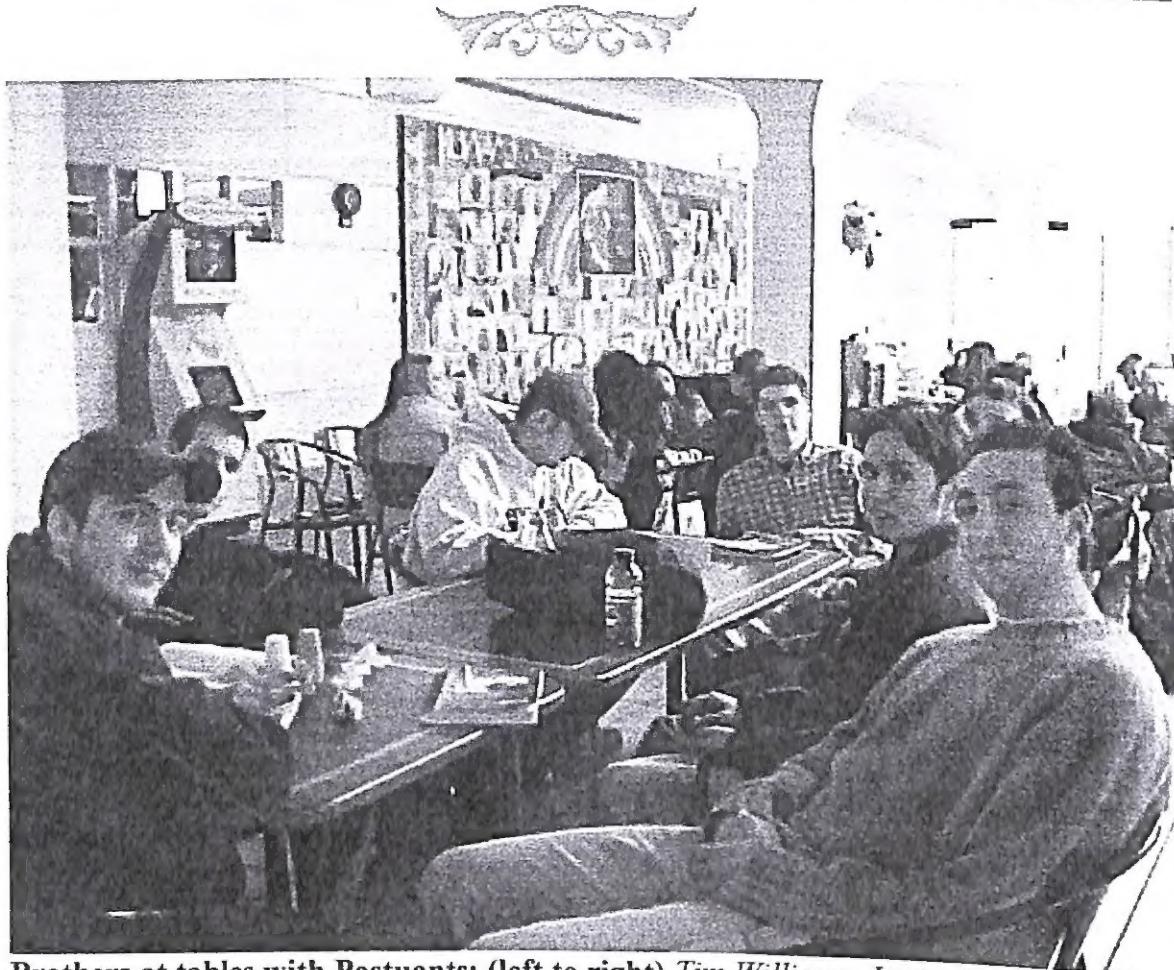
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12. <u>Curt Licitra</u>	25. <u>Tim Williams</u>

As the few Alumni who came to our Alumni weekend know, the Kappa Omicron postulant class crossed over on Saturday March 25th. Many thanks to Alumni Brothers Richard Fullam and Dr. Eric Littman for staying for Crossover. Other Alumni who came to visit we all thank as well. From this pledge class hails the newest member of our E-board Derick Borst, our fall 2000 Postulant Educator. From the Kappa Xi postulant class this last fall our fall 2000 Ritual Officer Adam Damin joins our e-board as well.

As many people have graduated and Alumni Brothers begin to pursue goals that take them away from Albany the guiding force in our chapter falls to the younger brothers. It is possible that we will be subtracting as many as seven brothers from our roster. However we will be welcoming back brother Eric Schneider (Box o' Rocks) back from his medical withdrawal. Eric was diagnosed with diabetes and decided to leave for the semester and continue with his course work again this coming semester. We are all glad to hear of his recovery and his determination to complete his schooling and his contribution to our chapter.

Also we will be receiving a transfer Brother from R.P.I. Brother Benjamin Rejiester (Little Bitch), whom pledged in the Fall of this year, is from Stone Arabia, NY. His presence in our chapter will be an invaluable asset. We also hope for some helpful hints from our Big Brother Chapter's neophyte.

The sum of all this is that we expect to have 20 active brothers next semester. Brothers John McFarland and Michael Washco will be the only two Seniors next year, so we will have a stable and growing brotherhood. We are expecting another excellent fall rush! Last fall we had more people interested in our chapter than ever.

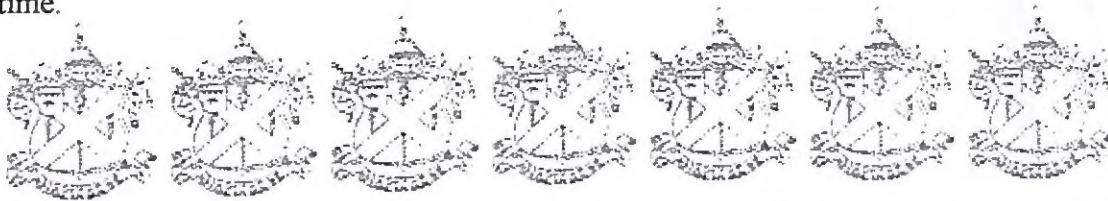


Brothers at tables with Postuants: (left to right) Tim Williams, Justin Orlansk K.O., Michael Wascho, Michael Masterson K.O., unknown, dropped, Gary Kushnir K.O.

"Postulate the true vision.
Many eyes one view.
Winging the world to freedom."
-----Daniel J Whalen

301 Quail Street Back in Action

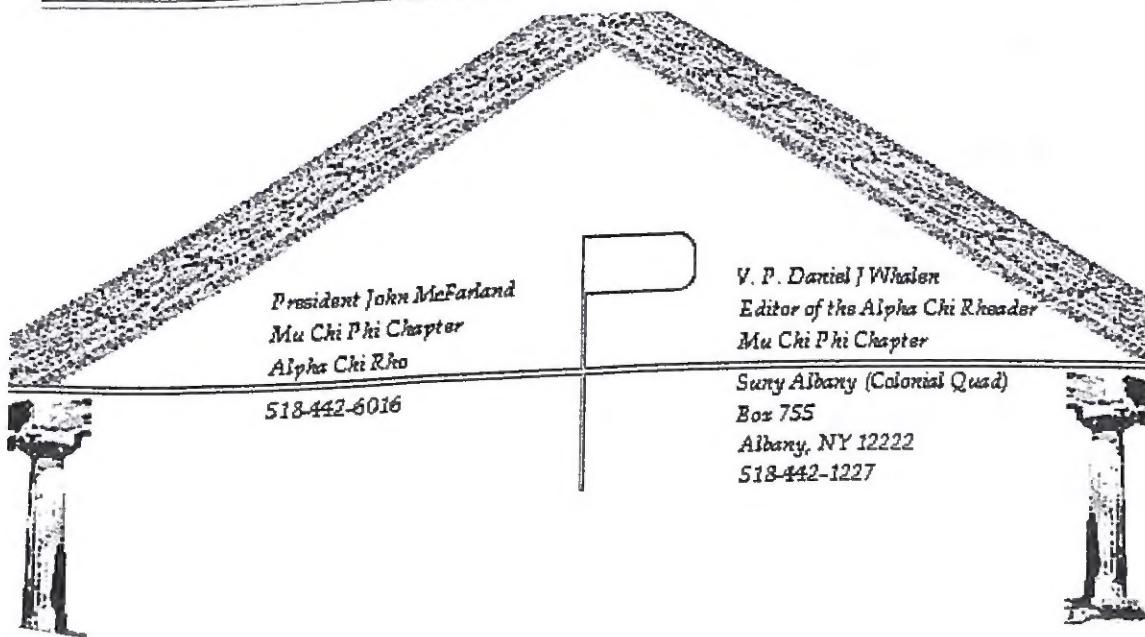
I am proud to announce that after much determination and many, many, setbacks the Mu Chi Phi Chapter has regained 301 Quail street as our Chapter hall. Residing in 301 Quail Street will be Brother Paul Gallo (KK), Brother Michael Washco (KM), Brother Michael Wenske (KN) and a guy named Terry. This time the arrangement is slightly different, as the landlord has asked that only four people rent at 301 Quail. Next year we are going to hopefully find four brothers to rent the upstairs again and also the basement as well. The house at 301 Quail street has undergone much aesthetic renovation. We here in Albany are very please to once again have brothers leasing 301 so that we may have a chapter hall again. This year, although turbulent, is a resounding testament to the stability of our chapter. We would also like to thank Alumni Brother and Chartering Member Mark Thurman for all his guidance and assistance though this tough time.



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Thank you very much. Have a splendid summer and God Bless you all.

Brother Daniel J Whalen
V.P. Mu Chi Phi Chapter
Editor of the Alpha Chi Rheader





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